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EP 1 321 424 is directed to a support construction for an escalator having at least one framework element integrally constructed as a flat, non-profiled, cut plate. Multiple framework elements can be assembled into a unitary support construction.

Both JP 61-18691 and JP 60-218284 have been identified by the European Patent Office in a search report generated in connection with the EPO counterpart of the present application. No English language abstract for either reference is available.

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